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Subj: NAVY PROTECTIVE CLOTHING BOARD (NPCB)

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Encl: (1) Navy Shipboard Protective Clothing Operational
Advisory Group (OAG) Charter
(2) Navy Shipboard Protective Clothing OAG Action Chit

1. Purpose. To establish policy and procedures for the organization, functions and operation of NPCB and Shipboard/Flight Line Operational Advisory Group.

2. Background. The provision of shipboard protective clothing is a joint responsibility of all Navy type commanders and systems commands. NPCB provides a forum for joint decision making by these responsible activities on organizational clothing issues that affect the safety and protection of Sailors aboard ship. The ultimate goal is to assure adequate protection of Navy personnel and prevent mishaps thereby eliminating deaths, injuries and lost workdays. Per reference (a), Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) is responsible for providing overall policy for environmental and protective organizational clothing used aboard Navy ships. Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) (SEA 05) is the Program Manager (PM) for all damage control and chemical/biological protective clothing, NAVSEA (SEA 08D) is the PM for submarine unique protective clothing, and Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) (PMA 202) is the PM for all aircrew systems. NAVSUP is the PM for general purpose organizational personal protective clothing and accessories that are used aboard surface ships, submarines and carriers.

3. Discussion. NAVSUP (SUP 05) will chair a NPCB to facilitate communications, planning, review and approval of shipboard protective clothing and accessories. A Shipboard/Flight Line Protective Clothing Operational Advisory Group (OAG) will act per enclosure (1) to support the Shipboard Protective Clothing Board (SPCB) in determining Fleet requirements and priorities.

a. Organization. NPCB will report to NAVSUP to assist in discharging NAVSUP's responsibilities for organizational protective clothing.

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b. Composition

(1) Chairman. NAVSUP (SUP 05). The chairman may designate an alternate senior board member as chairman in his/her absence.

(2) Regular Voting Members. The following commands will serve as voting members and designate a representative to attend meetings of the NPCB and vote on their behalf: Commander, Naval Surface Atlantic; Commander, Naval Surface Pacific; Commander, Naval Submarine Atlantic; Commander, Naval Submarine Pacific; Commander, Naval Air Atlantic; Commander, Naval Air Pacific; Commander, Atlantic Fleet and Commander, Pacific Fleet.

(3) Advisory Members. The following advisory members shall attend meetings of the NPCB as needed: NAVSEA (SEA 05, SEA 08); NAVAIR (PMA 202, PMA 251); Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility; Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Safety); Naval Air Warfare Center; Naval Surface Warfare Center; Defense Supply Center, Philadelphia; General Services Administration; Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force; Naval Safety Center; Bureau of Medicine and Navy Board of Inspection and Survey; and others if required.

c. Mission. The mission of NPCB is to consider any Navy organizational shipboard and flight line personal protective clothing for which a perceived problem exists or for which a possible improvement can be made. The functions of the board include:

(1) Provide resources and information to the Fleet on authorized protective clothing and proper sources of supply.

(2) Provide input to developers on Fleet requirements.

(3) Identify and prioritize product improvement and new product development efforts.

(4) Establish wear policies for shipboard protective clothing.

(5) Identify requirements to resource sponsors to ensure adequate funding is made available to implement NPCB decisions. This includes Research, Development, Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) funding for development of new and improved protective clothing and equipment; Operations Procurement Navy (OPN) funding for procurement of initial outfitting and Operations Maintenance Navy (O&M,N) for sustainment of in-service personnel protection equipment.

d. Action. NPCB will meet at least annually. More frequent meetings will be at the discretion of the chairman

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based on specific needs of the Navy. A meeting of the protective clothing OAG will precede the annual meeting of the SPCB. Recommendations from OAG shall be considered by NPCB and merged with other issues impacting shipboard protective clothing such as joint service initiatives, technology upgrades and procurement issues. NPCB will develop an annual prioritized list of action items and projects, identify appropriate funding for implementation and assist activity.



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NAVY SHIPBOARD PROTECTIVE CLOTHING OPERATIONAL
ADVISORY GROUP CHARTER

INTRODUCTION

This charter establishes the mission, functions, authority, membership and responsibilities of the Navy Shipboard Protective Clothing Operational Advisory Group (OAG).

PURPOSE

The Shipboard/Flight Line OAG is a working group intended to provide a forum for direct Fleet interface with program managers, resource sponsors and developers. The primary mission of the OAG is to review shipboard organizational protective clothing and equipment issues and requirements, to provide Fleet recommendations to the Shipboard Protective Clothing Board (SPCB) and shipboard organizational protective clothing program manager (NAVSUP).

CONCEPT

The OAG will meet at least annually to receive briefings on shipboard protective clothing initiatives, discuss issues and requirements, review Fleet submitted action items and establish a Fleet priority list for future development and acquisition. NAVSUP, as chairman will coordinate with representative commands to act as host on a rotating basis.

Meeting format will remain flexible, but will include at a minimum an update on the status of action chits or projects approved for funding from the previous year, a review of unfunded chits from the previous year for reconsideration and a budget update. Additional briefings on formal Research, Development Testing and Evaluation (RDT&E) efforts being managed by NAVAIRSYSCOM (PMA-202) and NAVSEASYSYSCOM (SEA-05L) may also be provided as appropriate. Field activities and developers, such as Navy Clothing and Textile Research Facility, Naval Air Warfare Center, may provide briefs on programs of interest to all users. User community working groups (surface, flight deck and submarine) will be convened as needed to address issues related to a single user community. OAG will discuss new action chits and determine community priorities. This priority list will assist SPCB in focusing on those issues most important to operational units.

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FLEET INPUT

Participation in OAG is open to anyone; however, to best use the limited conference time, Fleet input should be gathered by type commander or community surveys in advance of the OAG. Issues should be documented on an action chit form (enclosure (2)), endorsed by the cognizant type commander and presented by members representing their communities at the OAG for consideration and discussion. Fleet recommendations should be prioritized with consideration of:

- a. Current deficiencies (operational/safety/maintenance),
- b. Changing threats or missions,
- c. Training considerations,
- d. Quality of life/habitability, and
- e. Emerging technology.

MEMBERSHIP/VOTING

Membership in OAG includes both user and support activities. Members for each of the user communities (surface, submarine, and flight deck) shall be determined and controlled by the cognizant type commanders. While organizational differences may prevent representational parity for each ship type, sufficient attendance from each ship community should provide an adequate "cross-section" to provide a meaningful OAG output. Community working groups held prior to this OAG can establish positions within and among ship communities alleviating some temporary additional duty cost burden and ensuring representation of community issues with fewer OAG attendees.

This priority list will then be forwarded for review and finalization by SPCB to ensure the correct match of resources and requirements for the next year. A smaller sub-section of the OAG appointed by the appropriate commands will act as the voting members of SPCB.

SUMMARY

The shipboard protective clothing OAG is intended to document and represent Fleet requirements and priorities for organizational protective clothing and accessories which acquisitioners, developers and maintainers will follow to ensure the best value protection is offered and available to Fleet Sailors.

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Date:	Working Group:
Category:	
Description of Deficiency:	
Proposed Solution:	
Submitted By:	Organization:
TYCOM Endorsement (Printed Name/Signature/Date):	
OAG Working GRP Review Date:	Sequence Number:
Approved/Rejected/Deferred:	Priority:
ESC Comments:	
Action Required:	
Final Shipboard OAG Priority:	

Enclosure (2)